

American farmers and the small communities that they primarily reside in throughout my State.

These are farmers who were blatantly discriminated against in the last several decades. We have a bill right here before us. It is referred to as the Pigford settlement. This group of farmers took their grievances to the courts. Before they could get a final judgment from the courts, the Justice Department stepped in and smartly attempted to settle this situation because the Federal Government is probably going to be very liable for past discriminations that were blatant and proven.

We came up with a fair way to solve this issue, to get money to many African-American farmers. We have acknowledged there were some wrong things done by the Department of Agriculture and by the Federal Government. We want to try to make amends. We cannot make everything right and everything perfect, but the Pigford settlement is a fair and just resolution to this issue. One thousand African-American farmers in Louisiana would be benefited by this settlement.

Again, this is being held up. I don't understand why, but I wanted to lend my voice to say that this settlement is not just about correcting past wrongs but about ensuring future prosperity. It is time for Congress to end the 12-year delay and approve this settlement as quickly as possible.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time of the Senator has expired.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Ms. LANDRIEU. I ask unanimous consent the Senate resume legislation session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. LANDRIEU. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted for up to 10 minutes each; that upon the conclusion of the so-called wrap-up period the Senate then resume executive session and continue the debate on the Kagan nomination provided for under the previous order in the specific hour blocks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### REMEMBERING "CJ" WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of my friend, a consummate civil servant and respected legal mind, "CJ" William S. Richardson.

Bill Richardson was born into a working class family of mixed ethnic heritage representative of Hawaii's community. He was part Native Hawaiian, part Chinese, and part Caucasian.

From these humble beginnings, one of Hawaii's greatest figures emerged. Like many men in my generation, Bill fought in World War II, serving as a platoon leader for the U.S. Army; he would later be inducted into the Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. This was just one of many achievements in a life filled with distinction: Bill served as chairman of Hawaii's Democratic Party from 1956 to 1962, providing strong advocacy for statehood, which Hawaii achieved in 1959. From 1962 to 1966, he served as the State's Lieutenant Governor. In 1966, Bill became the first Native Hawaiian to serve as Chief Justice of the Hawaii State Supreme Court. As "CJ," he deftly blended Hawaii's history and cultural practices with modern law, establishing a traditional Hawaiian understanding of water rights as the law of the land, and demanding public access to Hawaii's shoreline.

Yet his dedication to Hawaii did not stop at writing landmark legal opinions that redefined the State. It was Bill Richardson who recognized the need to build a law school in Hawaii. He was dedicated to creating more, and better, educational and professional opportunities for Hawaii. In keeping with his personal and legal opinions, he remained focused on the need for such opportunities within Hawaii's most disadvantaged communities. With this vision, and by his perseverance, Bill worked with Hawaii's legislature to open Hawaii's first, and only, law school in 1973. The school, appropriately named the William S. Richardson School of Law after its greatest champion, has committed itself to educating attorneys from places as close as Honolulu and as far away as Thailand, with a clear focus on educating the Pacific's traditionally disadvantaged groups. The school continues to follow Bill's vision: to promote justice, ethical responsibility and public service. The law school was, perhaps, Bill's best and most profound achievement.

Bill passed away on June 21, 2010, at the age of 90. Although I am saddened by my friend's passing, I am comforted by knowing that his legacy will live on through his family, his work, and the thousands of attorneys educated by the school bearing his name.

#### COSPONSORSHIP CORRECTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I would like to clarify, for the record, that Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN was mistakenly added and then withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 28 as a result of a clerical error. Let the record reflect that any notations regarding Senator FEINSTEIN's cosponsorship of this bill on June 24, 2010, or withdrawal on July 22, 2010, result solely from clerical error and should not be construed to convey any views of Senator FEINSTEIN regarding the merits of this bill.

#### REMEMBERING THE CREW OF SITKA 43

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, late last month I had the honor and the privilege to be in Sitka, AK, to honor the crew of a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter that went down in the waters off of the State of Washington. That helicopter was based at the Coast Guard Air Station Sitka.

On Monday, it was my sad duty to attend yet another memorial service. A service to honor the crew of the Air Force C-17 Globemaster that crashed on Thursday evening shortly after takeoff from Elmendorf Air Force Base. Quite coincidentally, that C-17 aircraft bore the call sign "Sitka 43."

The C-17 crash took the lives of four of Alaska's finest airmen. MAJ Aaron Malone, age 36, who went by the nickname "Zippy." MAJ Michael Freyholtz, age 34, CAPT Jeffrey Hill, age 31 and SMSgt Tom Cicardo, age 47.

Major Malone, Major Freyholtz and Senior Master Sergeant Cicardo were members of the 249th Airlift Squadron of the Alaska Air National Guard. Captain Hill was active duty Air Force. He served with the 517th Airlift Squadron at Elmendorf.

The C-17 mission at Elmendorf is operated as an active Air Force/Air National Guard association.

As our colleague Senator BEGICH noted on the floor, each was exemplary in his own right.

Zippy Malone was the unofficial morale officer. Michael Freyholtz began his career in the C-17 right out of pilot training. He was known as the best C-17 demonstration pilot around. But that is hardly his greatest accomplishment. Major Freyholtz flew 608 combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Jeffrey Hill began his career as an enlisted man at Elmendorf. He was known as a phenomenal airman and maintainer. He earned his commission in 2002 and was a top instructor pilot. Yet he never forgot from where he came. An inspiration to the enlisted airmen, he reinvigorated the booster club and motivated young airmen to get and stay fit.

Tom Cicardo gave more than 28 years in the service of his Nation. He was a soldier, a marine, and an airman. His peers described him as "old school." He was one of the Air Force's premier loadmasters. During his first 11 years in the Alaska Air Guard he was involved in 58 search and rescue missions in the State of Alaska where he was credited with saving 66 lives. He also flew combat search and rescue missions in Afghanistan and personnel recovery missions in the Horn of Africa.

And each of these exemplary servicemembers lived their lives in Alaska to the fullest. Major Malone and Major Freyholtz coached Little League. Captain Hill was always traveling off-road, hunting and fishing, camping and hiking. They leave behind children, spouses, and loved ones.

Sitka 43 went down Thursday evening while on a training mission.